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## Gentlemen:

I have reviewed the DEIS for the Use of Locomotive Horns Rule. The City of Parsons has a concern that the proposed rule does not appear to allow the use of "wayside horns". The City of Parsons has had wayside horns installed at 3 locations for the past 3 years. At each location a crossing gate is lowered in conjunction with activation of the wayside horn.

We have experienced no problems with this system and have received only positive reaction from adjacent neighbors.

We strongly urge the inclusion of the wayside horns as an acceptable alternative to locomotive horns.

Sincerely,

Glen E. Welden City Manager